



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 7202

House of Representatives, April 12, 2017

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) There is established a
2 division of postsecondary vocational programs within the technical
3 high school system. The division shall be responsible for the provision
4 of educational programs beyond secondary education in aviation
5 maintenance, licensed practical nursing, and any other program
6 deemed necessary by the technical high school system board. Any
7 student admitted for enrollment in an aviation maintenance program,
8 licensed practical nursing program or other such program deemed
9 necessary by the board shall have a high school diploma or its
10 equivalent, or be over twenty-one years of age.

11 (b) Any technical high school that offers an aviation maintenance
12 program, licensed practical nursing program or any other program

13 deemed necessary by the technical high school system board shall be
14 considered a postsecondary vocational institution for the limited
15 purpose of offering such aviation maintenance program, licensed
16 practical nursing program or other such program, and for purposes of
17 34 CFR 600.6, as amended from time to time. Such aviation
18 maintenance program, licensed practical nursing program or other
19 such program shall be considered an educational program beyond
20 secondary education for purposes of 34 CFR 600.9(a)(1)(i)(A), as
21 amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2017	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "deemed necessary by the board" was added after "or other such program" for consistency.

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Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which creates a postsecondary vocational division of the Connecticut Technical High School System, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. The State Department of Education's FY 17 appropriation included funding of approximately \$97,000 for one Educational Consultant to fulfill the duties contained in the bill. However, this position is currently vacant.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7202****AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.****SUMMARY**

This bill creates a postsecondary vocational division of the Connecticut Technical High School System (i.e., "system") to administer a postsecondary program in aviation maintenance, licensed practical nursing, and any other program the system board deems necessary. The bill provides that any technical high school that offers these postsecondary programs will be considered a postsecondary vocational institution only for the purpose of (1) such programs and (2) meeting requirements to be considered postsecondary under federal law (see BACKGROUND).

In order for postsecondary programs to be federally recognized as such, federal law requires state law to authorize them. The bill authorizes them in state law (see BACKGROUND). The aviation maintenance and licensed practical nursing programs have existed for years as postsecondary programs although not authorized as such in current law.

The bill requires that any student enrolled in these programs either (1) have a high school diploma or its equivalent or (2) be over 21 years old.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***Federal Law***

Under federal regulations a postsecondary program must meet the

following criteria:

1. be under the control of an entity legally authorized to provide a postsecondary program,
2. prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized field,
3. be approved by a state agency if the program seeks participation in federal assistance programs, and
4. be in existence for at least two years (34 C.F.R. 600.6).

Another federal regulation states that state recognition of the program as being authorized as a postsecondary program is necessary for federal recognition (34 CFR 600.9(a)(1)(i)(A)).

Related Bill

HB 6583, reported favorably by the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, also establishes a postsecondary vocational division within the system to provide an aviation maintenance program.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/22/2017)